

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 16, 17, 19-23, 25-29, 31-33, 35-37, 41 and 42 are pending in the present application. Claims 6, 8, 10, 16, 17, 22, 31, 32 and 41 have been amended and claims 7, 14, 15, 30 and 38-40 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 6, 9-14, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Chalmers; claims 22, 23, 25-29, 32, 33 and 35-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Chalmers; claims 1-5, 21 and 42 were allowed; and claims 7, 8, 15-17, 30, 31, 40 and 41 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, claim 6 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in dependent claim 7, claim 10 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in dependent claims 14 and 15, and claim 32 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in dependent claims 38-40. Note independent claim 22 has also been amended to include subject matter similar to that recited in dependent claims 38-40. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted the rejections noted in the Office Action are moot and the pending claims are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **David A. Bilodeau**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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